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INFO USINT ALGIERS

AMEMBASSY AMMAN

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SUBJ: BSO TRIAL: SUDAN DEFENSE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

REF: KHARTOUM 1356

1. MIRGHANI AL- NASRI, PRESIDENT SUDAN BAR ASSN, TOLD PRESS
JUNE 24 DUDANESE DEFENSE COMMITTEE WILL HOLD MEETINGS THIS WEEK
TO STUDY LEGAL ASPECTS OF TERRORIST CASE AND PREPARE MEMORANDA.
IT WILL ALSO DEFINE ROLE NON- SUDANESE ARAB DEFENSE COUNCIL (REFTEL)
AND OBTAIN GOS PERMISSION FOR ITS PARTICIPATION. NASRI ADDED THAT
UPON CONCLUSION THESE MEETINGS, HE WILL MEET WITH MAGISTRATE
AND PUBLIC PROSECUTOR TO DETERMINE DATE FOR RESUMPTION MAGISTERIAL
INQUIRY. TRIAL DATE WILL BE DETERMINED AFTER THESE STEPS ARE
COMPLETED.

2. IN APPARENT RESPONSE TO NEWSWEEK PERISCOPE ITEM THAT US
DELAYING APPOINTMENT US AMBASSADOR TO SUDAN, MAJOR ABU
AL- QASIM IBAHIM, DEP SEC GEN SSU AND MIN HEALTH (WHO WAS
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RECENTLY IN CAIRO AS SSU REP TO SSU- ASU MEETINGS) REPORTEDLY
GAVE INTERVIEW TO CAIRO MAGAZINE IN WHICH HE SAID ARRESTED
TERRORISTS WERE GIVEN GUARANTEES FOR A FAIR TRIAL. HE NOTED
THAT REPORTS ABOUT AMERICAN ATTEMPTS OF PRESSURE OF ANY KIND
WERE UNFOUNDED, THAT GOS KNOWS TO BE ADVERSE TO ANY KIND OF
PRESSURE AND IF EVER GOS CAME UNDER ANY PRESSURE IT WOULD SET
THE TERRORISTS FREE IMMEDIATELY. HE REPORTEDLY CONCLUDED WITH
COMMENT THAT SUDAN' S RELATIONS WITH PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE
HAD GROWN STRONGER.

3. COMMENT: IMPLICIT IN REPORTED STATEMENT IS CONCLUSION ONLY
US IS LIABLE BRING PRESSURE ON GOS WHICH IS OVER- SIMPLIFICATION
AND NOT FACTUAL.
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